

**TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP, SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:15 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Absent
Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
Councilman Brayton Foster	Present
Councilman Todd Wyckoff	Present

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton and Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, and interested citizens.

The purpose of the Budget Workshop was to discuss changes to be made to the 2024 Tentative Budget.

Reynolds corrected the amount required for an assessment revaluation done by GAR. They require either \$10,000 this year, \$30,000 next and \$40,000 the following or \$40,000 next year and \$40,000 the following (a total of \$80,000).

Foster suggested that if there was a surplus in 2023, the funds could be carried over by resolution. He also suggested that the ARPA money approved for distribution from the County could be split 50/50 or 60/40 between General and Highway funds. He mentioned there would be no sale of equipment or unappropriated fund balance.

Wyckoff said that taxes will increase over the next couple years, that it would be better the increase were split over both years, and that people are expecting it as everything has increased.

There was discussion about leasing vs. buying equipment and the possibility of collaborating with other towns. Issues with shared services are that all Towns need the equipment at the same time (i.e. snow plowing) and that insurance doesn't cover other town's drivers. Paving can be planned and has been collaborated among the towns.

There was some discussion about Ag assessments.

Foster said he had a discussion with Bill Shaw. Foster said the hope for the formation of the Three Falls LDC was that the Town would not make the taxpayer pay for the 'Camp Barton' Park. Shaw intends to write a resolution requesting monetary support from Seneca County tourism.

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk